

## Our Young People

### THE BLESSEDNESS OF SERVING GOD

Deut. 28 : 1-20, 45-47

Topic for K. C. and C. E. Societies, Nov. 14

#### DAILY READINGS

- M. In heaven. Rev. 22 : 3, 4.  
 T. A reasonable service. Rom. 12 : 1.  
 W. Fickle service. Rev. 2 : 1-5.  
 T. Tested service. Rev. 2 : 8-10.  
 F. Half-hearted service. Rev. 3 : 14-16.  
 S. Faithful service. Rev. 3 : 10-12.

One cannot read the Scriptures without being amazed at the boldness and greatness of the promises of God to the obedient and unless we note carefully their conditions we are apt to see some seeming failures and stumble over the same stone Voltaire did. He once said that he was driven to infidelity because the promises to Israel did not work out. Yet Israel furnishes one of the greatest proofs of the truth of the Word, for we need only to follow their history to see how accurately the blessings and curses were fulfilled, remembering that some of the promises are yet future. Their history is a repetition over and over again of these four words,—decline, oppression, repentance, deliverance. Barnes, the great historian, says, "Providential oversight was more often avowed in the case of the Jews, but it was not more real than in the case of every nation and individual." It will be the opportunity of this lesson to bring out this fact. So many who wish an excuse to remain outside the church, point to the disobedient on the inside and say, "It is a vain thing to serve God," that those who have found it blessed, should be bold to tell it out. To make the promises and their conditions more vivid the leader might tell the story of Ebal and Gerizim (Deut. 27 and 28, Josh. 8 : 32-35,) and have those on one side of the room read the blessings and those on the other side respond with the curses. Briefly show how these have been fulfilled in history and how they are true of all nations and individuals. Have an open meeting for testimony. Give an opportunity for general questions on any point. Urge any present who are not Christians to decide now and begin the blessed service.

#### SCRIPTURE LIGHT

##### Temporal Blessings Promised

1. Prosperity. Deut. 28 : 4, 5; Prov. 3 : 9, 10.
2. Health. Prov. 3 : 9; illustrate Daniel's test. Dan. 1 : 15.
3. Wisdom. Ps. 111 : 10.
4. Talent. Deut. 8 : 17, 18.
5. Victory. Deut. 8 : 27.
6. Greatness. Deut. 28 : 13.
7. Every need supplied. Phil. 4 : 19.

##### Spiritual Blessings

8. Spiritual discernment. I Cor. 2 : 9, 14, 15.
9. Knowledge of God. John 14 : 7.
10. And of his will. John 7 : 17.
11. The Holy Spirit. Acts 5 : 32.
12. Peace of conscience. Ps. 37 : 37.
13. All things. I Cor. 3 : 22.
14. Forever. Rev. 22 : 3-5.

If any are timid about taking part let the committee supply them with any of the following good verses to quote: II Cor. 8 : 12; Ps. 41 : 1; Prov. 11 : 24; Luke 6 : 38; Matt. 25 : 34, 35; I Cor. 3 : 14; Rev. 22 : 12; Acts 17 : 25, 27; Rom. 2 : 4; Matt. 19 : 25; Phil. 3 : 8; I Cor. 4 : 2. Or select from the many good verses in Ps. 128 or Deut. 28.

#### TOPICS FOR TALKS AND DISCUSSION

1. How does Israel's history verify God's word?
2. The promise to the disciples (Luke 10) and their testimony. (Luke 22 : 35)
3. A common complaint Mal. 3 : 13-15, its cause, Mal. 2 : 12, 13 and 3 : 8, 9, and its cure. Mal. 3 : 10-12.
4. What does service mean as to the use of our time, our money, our talent? etc.
5. Why do we sometimes see the wicked prosper

been written and exemplified. If woman then is equal with man and was the first in the "transgression" that caused the fall of the human family, has she not the right to do all in her power for the restoration of mankind? In fact she *has* done much for the up building of society and the Kingdom of God. Was it not woman who ministered to the prophets of old? Was it not woman who stood at the cross when Christ was crucified? Was it not woman who first told the glad tidings of His resurrection?

Many are the opportunities now opening whereby woman may aid in the extension of the borders of Zion. They are realizing more and more the work that is before them, and that they alone, can do it. Realizing the lost condition of mankind, and the ultimate work of Satan and his host, in opposing the work that is able to lift up and restore man to his former position, that the strongholds of his kingdom might be torn down, and that Christ might be proclaimed Kings of kings and Lord of lords, for this purpose the sisters of the Brethren church feeling that the day has come when aggressive work is needed, and that they too have a portion of this work to do, and thus make use of the talents which God has bestowed upon them, organized themselves into what is known as the "Sisters Society of Christian Endeavor of the Brethren Church.

The object was to do all in their power for the upbuilding of the church and Christ's kingdom. Our motto is, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," whether it be to heal the broken hearted, to help the poor, or take the glad tidings of salvation to them, to hold our social meetings and thus encourage each other that we may gain strength, or to work with our own hands that we may procure the necessary means to do work for the Master. If we have attained the object sought for, then, and then only, can we say the S. S. C. E. has been a success. We have certainly endeavored to do what we could and the outgrowth has been very encouraging.

Although we have encountered difficulties, obstacles have been in the way, yet we have been gradually gaining ground.

*Concluded next week.*

It would be a small matter to save us from sinning on the other side of the pearly gate; we want to be saved from sinning now and in this dark world. We want it for the sake of the world, that it may be attracted and convinced. We want it for our own peace, which cannot be perfected while we groan under a worse than Egyptian bondage. We want it for the glory of God, which would then be reflected from us with undimmed brightness, as sunshine from burnished metal. Thank God, we may have deliverance through Jesus Christ.—F. B. Meyer.

They are in the vanguard of progress who ally themselves with some great cause, or give their lives into subjection to a grand truth.

and the innocent suffering? Ps. 12 : 8; Ps. 37 : 35, 36; I Tim. 5 : 24.

6. What helps have we in our service?

7. How can we do more and better service, as a society, as individuals?

Topic for testimony meeting. How have you found your service blessed?

### CALIFORNIA C. E. NOTES

#### Two Days of Our Stay in California

Tuesday of our stay in California was Oakland day. The endeavors were invited to Oakland, just across the bay. At an early hour we were at the Ferry, where cards were given all who had no state badges, entitling us to free rides on the street cars, free lunch, and free return on the boat to San Francisco. Arriving at Oakland, we were met by a number of whitecapped endeavors, whose duty it was to escort us to the various places of interest. A party of about a dozen of us were placed under the care of Miss Lillian Dodge, a mild, kind, patient, sweet tempered young lady, who did her best to entertain and please us. It required quite a bit of patience, for we were "many men of many minds," with tastes and inclinations widely differing. Some preferred one place, and some another, some were inclined to linger and admire where others felt no interest, some loitered where others hastened, but our fair escort never lost patience, but proved herself sweet and gentle, a Christian endeavor indeed. The first place of interest we visited was Berkely University, quite a little ride from Oakland. The buildings were large and fine; the library with its pleasant reading rooms, its magnificent collection of books, the peculiar arrangement of its book cases, was especially interesting. From the lower floor we could look up to the roof or dome. The stairway was spiral, and the two rooms or floors above us were some what like galleries, with bookcases standing as so many spokes in a wheel.

From the university grounds, we returned to the city, in time for lunch. In an enclosure by the river side, long tables were arranged. Presenting our cards at the gate we were admitted and served with coffee, cakes, ham and chicken sandwiches, pie, lemonade and fruits,—plums, apricots and peaches, in abundance. Thousands of people partook of the lunch, but it was like the gospel feast, enough for all. The fruit especially was abundant and delicious, and how we enjoyed it! You see, it was again like the gospel feast—"without money and without price."

There was this difference, everybody was so ready to partake of Oakland's hospitality, but our Lord holds out to us the bread of life, and says, "come and eat" "Whosoever eateth of this bread shall live forever." He points us to the clear flowing fountain of living water and says "come and drink" "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall never thirst," but thousands refuse, and so many of us partake so scantily so meagerly of this bountiful feast.

From the lunch grounds, we visited the Exposition building, open for free admit-